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## ***Illinois salutes veterans***

As a fellow veteran, I am pleased that those who have served our country have special representation in the Office of the Secretary of State. The office's Department of Senior & Community Services identifies and addresses issues relating to veterans, senior citizens, persons with disabilities and other community groups.

This brochure highlights Secretary of State programs and services of special interest to veterans. From Rules of the Road Review Courses and employment opportunities to obtaining special military license plates, you will learn about the many programs and services my office provides.

I assure you of my ongoing commitment to serve Illinois veterans. Please contact my Department of Senior & Community Services if we can be of assistance.

*Jesse White*

JESSE WHITE  
Secretary of State



## ***Veteran Employment***

The Secretary of State maintains a veterans preference in hiring. The Secretary of State is committed to the placement of qualified veterans.

## ***Not-For-Profit Status***

Many clubs and veterans' organizations are interested in acquiring not-for-profit status — a service provided through my office. For more information, contact the Department of Senior & Community Services.

## ***Special Military Plates***

The Secretary of State offers a variety of military license plates to qualified veterans to give heightened visibility to those who have served their country.

- Armed Forces Reserves
- Silver Star
- Bronze Star
- Gold Star
- Congressional Medal of Honor
- Disabled Veteran
- Ex-Prisoner of War
- Korean War Veteran
- Pearl Harbor Survivor
- POW / MIA
- Purple Heart
- Retired Armed Forces
- Universal Veterans

### **For more information, contact:**

Secretary of State  
Non-Standard Plates Section  
539 Howlett Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62756  
1-800-252-8980



## ***Veterans' Library Fund***

Veterans can contribute to a special library fund for Illinois Veterans' Homes through the purchase of six military license plates — Silver Star, Bronze Star, Gold Star, Korean War Veteran, POW/MIA and Universal Veterans. Upon renewal of these plates, a \$2 fee is added, which goes toward the purchase of books, large-print materials and other items for libraries in the state's four veterans' homes.

## ***Parking Privileges***

There are two forms of identification used for persons with disabilities parking: parking placards and license plates.



Parking placards are available free to persons with permanent or temporary disabilities.

Special license plates are available to persons who are permanently disabled. These plates may be purchased at the cost of standard license plates for each vehicle titled in their name.

Disabled veterans may obtain special Disabled Veteran Plates if their disabilities are 100 percent service-related. For a free Persons with Disabilities Parking Program brochure, contact the Department of Senior & Community Services.

## ***Cut Car Costs***

Discounts on automobile insurance premiums are available to eligible drivers age 55 and over upon successful completion of an Automobile Insurance Discount Program approved by the Secretary of State's office.

## ***Photo ID Program***

An official Illinois photo ID card for both drivers and non-drivers can be obtained through the Secretary of State's office. The non-expiring ID is free to persons age 65 and over and to persons with disabilities. The card may be obtained at any Driver Services facility or mobile photo ID unit throughout the state.

## ***When It Helps To Review***

A free Rules of the Road Review Course is offered statewide to people taking the driver's license examination. Veterans' organizations are encouraged to sponsor these classes for members and their families. Contact the Department of Senior & Community Services to find out about a course in your area.

Call Toll-Free

1-800-524-6976 (Voice or TTY)

(217) 782-8629 (FAX)

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## For more information:

### U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs

Chicago VA Regional Office  
P.O. Box 8136  
536 S. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60680  
(800) 827-1000  
(312) 663-5510

### VA Health Care Facilities:

Chicago (Lakeside) ..... (312) 943-6600  
Chicago (Westside) ..... (312) 666-6500  
Danville ..... (217) 442-8000  
Hines ..... (708) 343-7200  
Marion ..... (618) 997-5311  
North Chicago ..... (708) 688-1900  
Peoria ..... (309) 671-7350  
John Cochran, MO ..... (314) 652-4100  
Jefferson Barracks, MO ..... (314) 487-0400  
Iowa City, IA ..... (319) 338-0581

### Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs

P.O. Box 19432  
833 S. Spring St.  
Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
(800) 437-9824  
(217) 782-6641

### State Approval Agencies (ILDVA)

Chicago ..... (312) 814-5530  
Springfield ..... (217) 782-7838

### Illinois Student Assistance Commission

Deerfield ..... (708) 948-8550  
Springfield ..... (217) 782-2577

### Illinois Department of Conservation

Chicago ..... (312) 814-2072  
Springfield ..... (217) 782-7305

### Illinois Veteran Homes

Manteno ..... (815) 468-6581  
Quincy ..... (217) 222-8641  
LaSalle ..... (815) 223-0303  
Anna ..... (618) 833-6406

## VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS

### Illinois Headquarters:

American Legion ..... (309) 663-0361  
AMVETS ..... (217) 528-4713  
DAV ..... (312) 353-3960  
VFW ..... (217) 529-6688  
VVA ..... (309) 786-4530  
MOPH ..... (312) 663-0906